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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs

Shipment #4

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WINTER COOPERATIVE PURCHASE

The OPI Cooperative Purchase Program order form is available for placing your winter order. To place your order log on at: <https://data.opi.mt.gov/CooperativePurchasing/Frmlogin.aspx>. The order form will be available through November 6, 2012.

If you have questions about ordering, contact the OPI School Nutrition Programs office at (406) 444-2501.



DoD AVAILABLE?

The OPI School Nutrition Programs office wants to remind everyone participating in the DoD Fresh Program that the DoD FFavors ordering Web site is available through October 31, 2012, for placing fresh fruit and vegetable orders. Sysco has extended their contract to fill requests through that date.

The USDA, along with the Department of Defense, is working to secure a vendor contract to continue the DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the state of Montana through the 2012-13 school year.

As soon as the DoD has a contract in place you will be notified. Should the DoD be unable to

obtain an agreement all remaining monies will be added back into our USDA Foods account.

2014 USDA FOODS ORDER OPEN SOON

The USDA Foods order form will be available in mid-November for placing your orders for the 2013-14 school year. When the form becomes available you can Login at <https://data.opi.mt.gov/USDAFoods/Frmlogin.aspx> to place your order.

The order form will be available through January 25, 2013.

BIGGER TURKEYS THIS YEAR!

The USDA turkey roasts were received into the warehouse short by 47 cases. Turkey roasts are ordered by case and by weight. A 40,000 pound truck on average is considered to be 1,000 40-pound cases. The 400 case/16,000 pound order came in at 353 cases/16,018.79 pounds. Those schools that ordered turkey roasts will receive their fair share of the 353 cases.

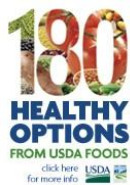


USDA FOODS ENTITLEMENT UPDATE

The USDA announced that the school year 2013 entitlements increased nationally by \$66 million dollars, which was distributed to states according to meals served.

The increase is necessary to meet Section 6(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) which requires that the value of USDA Foods (commodity assistance) for schools be no less than 12 percent of all federal assistance provided under sections 4, 6, and 11 of the NSLA each school year. This increased the per meal value of USDA foods to about .24 cents per meal (up from .2275) for school year 2013.

This increase was updated in the OPI School Nutrition Food Distribution Program and districts' updated remaining entitlement balances can be found at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2.



The USDA offered some additional USDA Foods for states wanting to use this additional entitlement during the 2013 school year. Delivery periods were January through June 2013 and orders needed to be placed by October 3, 2012.

The OPI Food Distribution office did not receive enough positive feedback from the survey request, that was sent out on MTLunchline in September, to place an additional order for USDA Foods for school year 2013.

USDA FOODS DELIVERY POLICY

The Watkins & Shepard Trucking Company drivers have been getting complaints about their delivery times. The OPI School Nutrition Programs has a USDA Donated Foods delivery policy available on the OPI School Nutrition Web site at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_2.



Schools are responsible to accept USDA Food deliveries Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Schools need to work with new delivery drivers who may change the route and make deliveries earlier or later than in the past. Remember, Montana is a big state and the delivery drivers have three weeks to make deliveries to 260 schools, so every school cannot have the delivery time of their choice. View the *Delivery Policy for USDA Commodity Foods* for all the delivery guidelines.

AVAILABLE USDA FOODS

For schools with remaining entitlement the following USDA Foods are still available.

Charbroiled Beef Patties	\$53.55
Cheese Cheddar Yellow	\$67.59
Chicken Patty Tenders	\$13.74
Chix Roasted 8 PC	\$76.47
Flour AP	\$ 9.61
Flour B	\$ 11.25
Flour WW	\$ 11.49
Pancakes WG	\$10.30
Potato Rounds	\$14.96
Potato Wedges	\$17.02
Rice Brown	\$23.52
Spaghetti Sauce	\$12.55
Spaghetti WG	\$ 7.85

Send your requests to juwilson@mt.gov.

SHIPMENT 4 UPDATE!

The delivery of the Oven Roasted 8pc Chicken and the frozen eggs has been moved to December and November respectively. They have been replaced with Potato Rounds and Potato Wedges. The eggs have been moved to Shipment #6 and the chicken to Shipment #8.

